Remarks

Claims 1-12 remain in the application.

Claims 1 and 6-12 have been allowed by the Examiner.

Claims 2-5 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Specifically, the Examiner has indicated there is insufficient antecedent basis for recitation of the limitation "Brookfield viscosity" in Claims 2 and 5.
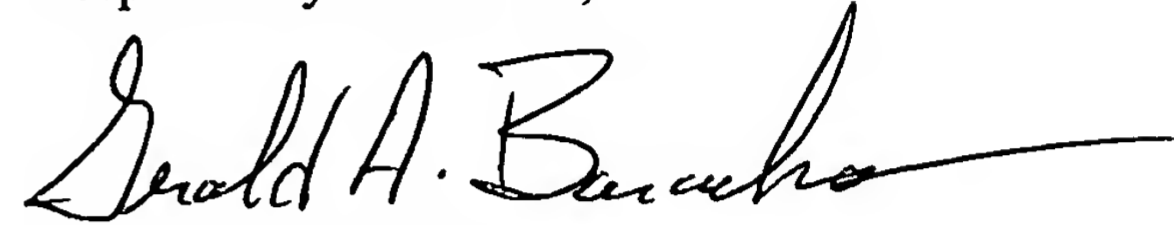
Applicant has amended Claim 2 so that the claim now specifies that the Brookfield viscosity is conducted at 149°C in accordance with ASTM D 3236. Support for this amendment is found in the specification at page 9, lines 1-12.

As pointed out on page 9 of the specification, due to the high melt flow rates of the polyethylene resins used for the microfine powders of the invention, Brookfield viscometry is utilized to determine viscosity. Brookfield viscosity is determined at 149°C in accordance with ASTM D 3236. Providing viscosity values for solid polyethylene resins, even though the viscosity is determined on the polymer melt, is accepted practice within the art. Accordingly, those skilled in the art will recognize that even though the claims are directed to powders, viscosity is measured on the polymer melt. Clearly there can be no confusion on this point now since the temperature at which the Brookfield viscosity is determined is specified and the ASTM procedure is identified.

In view of the amendments to Claim 2, Applicant respectfully submits the rejection of Claims 2-5 under 35 USC 112 is no longer applicable and all of the claims in the application are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action by the Examiner are requested.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss the foregoing or any matter of form in an effort to advance the application toward allowance, he is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

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